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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 11 November 1953, the barracks installation on Castaven Lake in Fuerstenberg quartered about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. A prime mover with trailer entered the installation. Trucks [redacted] were identified in traffic to the installation. 25X1

2. On 11 November, the barracks installation in Droege was occupied by 1,000 to 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia.

3. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen in traffic in Fuerstenberg. 25X1

4. On 20 November, the barracks installation at Castaven Lake was occupied. Residents said that trained personnel had departed and recruits had arrived. Earth 25X1ers which were occupied almost permanently were observed directly on the southwest bank of Upper Castaven Lake.

5. On 24 November, the barracks installation in Droege was not occupied to capacity. On 17, 18 and 19 November, about 300 troops with suitcases were brought to the station on trucks [redacted].

On 16 November, about 500 soldiers engaged in the construction of bunkers and digging of trenches north of the barracks installation and subsequently practiced attacking and defense. 25X1

6. Between 14 and 24 November, there was intensive vehicular traffic from and to the restricted area at the southern bank of Hoeblin Lake. Most of the vehicles were sedans. On 18 November, sedans [redacted] occupied by 25X1 officers, entered the installation from the direction of the town. Reports were frequently heard from the billeting area.

7. Between 14 and 24 November, numerous troops with suitcases and field pack were daily seen en route on trucks from the Fuerstenberg railroad station to the barracks installation on Castaven Lake. The troops later proceeded to Frankfurt/Oder.

8. On 17 and 18 November, about 10 soldiers reconditioned former postal lines along the Fuerstenberg-Berlin highway. They exchanged damaged lines and erected new poles. Signal equipment was taken along on trucks [redacted]. 25X1

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Comment: Report tends to indicate that, since about mid-November when the last report was submitted, the occupation of the three installations has not been changed. It is known that the barracks installation on Castaven Lake also serves as processing center for the personnel of the Second Gds Mecz Army. According to motor vehicle [redacted] the repair work on the former postal lines was made by units of the 9th Sig Regt of the Second Gds Mecz Army.

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